

Argument in Favor of Proposition 75

PROPOSITION 75 PROTECTS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FROM HAVING POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS TAKEN AND USED WITHOUT THEIR PERMISSION.

There's a FUNDAMENTAL UNFAIRNESS IN CALIFORNIA:

- Hundreds of thousands of public employee union members are *forced to contribute* their hard earned money to political candidates or issues they may oppose.
- Powerful and politically connected union leaders—a small handful of people—can make unilateral decisions with these “forced contributions” to fund political campaigns *without their members' consent*. The workers have no choice—money is automatically deducted from their dues.

Firefighters, police officers, teachers, and other public employees work hard for the people of California and we owe them a huge debt for the work they do on our behalf. *That's why it's only fair that public employees give their permission before their hard earned dollars are taken and given to politicians and political campaigns.*

Many public employee union members don't support the political agenda of the union bosses and it's not right that they are forced to contribute to political candidates and campaigns they oppose:

- Campaign finance records document that several public employee unions have spent more than \$2 million to qualify a ballot measure that would raise property taxes by billions of dollars—rolling back Proposition 13 protections.
- Many members of these unions may oppose this, but the union leaders just take the money and spend it even though individual union members may disagree.

That's not right and it's not fair.

HERE'S WHAT ACTUAL UNION MEMBERS SAY:

“I've been a public school teacher for 20 years. I joined the union when I started teaching because of the benefits it provided and I've always been a proud member.

However, despite the many good things the union does, it . . . contribute[s] a portion of my dues to political . . . campaigns I often disagree with. *That's simply unfair.* I want to be a member of the teachers union, but I don't want to be forced to contribute my money to the union leaders' political agenda.”

Diane Lenning, Huntington Beach

“I'm a member of the largest state employee union. I believe in the union and what it does. It supports me in many ways, but I don't need it spending a portion of my dues for political purposes. If I want to make a political contribution to a candidate it should be voluntary, not mandatory.”

Jim Prunty, Glendora

PROPOSITION 75—IT'S COMMON SENSE.

Here's what it'll do:

- Give public employees the same choices we all have.
- Require public employee unions to obtain annual written consent from members before their dues are taken for political purposes.
- Allow government employees to decide when, how, and if their hard earned wages are spent to support political candidates or campaigns.

Proposition 75 will NOT prevent unions from collecting political contributions, but those contributions will be CLEARLY VOLUNTARY.

Vote YES on Proposition 75.

Give California workers the freedom and choice we all deserve and help restore union members' political rights.

Learn more, visit www.caforpaycheckprotection.com.

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Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Proposition 75

PROPOSERS ARE ONLY *PRETENDING* TO PROTECT WORKERS.

Prop. 75's sponsor, Lewis Uhler, told the *San Francisco Chronicle* on June 8th that he designed 75 to target public employees because of their “greed” and “arrogance.” Uhler and the big corporations funding 75 aren't trying to protect workers—they're trying to silence them.

WORKERS ALREADY ARE PROTECTED

The U.S. Supreme Court says no public employee can be forced to join a union and contribute dues to politics. Union members already elect their own leaders and participate in internal decisions. Of course, not every member agrees with every decision of the group. That's democracy.

PROP. 75 IS NOT ABOUT FAIRNESS

“This year, our kids' schools have been under attack by initiatives paid for by big corporations. Some would permanently cut annual school funding by \$4 billion.

“Prop. 75 would limit teachers' ability to fight such harmful proposals in future elections through our

unions, but does nothing to limit the big developers and banks behind this attempt to cut school funding.

“Prop. 75 is designed to make us spend time and money on a government-imposed bureaucratic process instead of fighting for our schools and our kids.”

Heidi Chipman, Teacher, Kraemer Middle School

Others will lose. Nurses fighting for hospital staffing protection . . . Police and Firefighters fighting against elimination of survivor benefits for those who die in the line of duty. *Their labor unions are restricted under Prop. 75, but their opponents are not.*

Please stop this unfair attack on teachers, nurses, police, and firefighters. Vote NO on Prop. 75.

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